

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the herein-contained amendment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

By this amendment, paragraph [0001] (i.e., page 1, lines 1-15) of the Application as filed will be amended to replace attorney docket numbers and titles for six co-pending applications with Application serial numbers.

Although this amendment is being submitted after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance and although amendments may not be made as a matter of right after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, Applicants submit that the entry of the herein contained amendment is appropriate to properly reference the co-pending applications. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to exercise his discretion and enter the herein contained amendment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

The changes introduced by the amendment contained above do not continue the prosecution of the application after the Notice of Allowance and do not affect or change the scope of the claims. Accordingly, it is submitted that this amendment is proper for entry at the present time.

The above amendment further does not require additional work on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office. The Examiner has already considered the reasons for patentability of the present invention and no new issues are raised by the above-contained amendment.

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner exercise his discretion and approve the present amendment for entry to the specification. Entry of

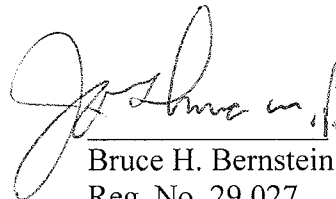
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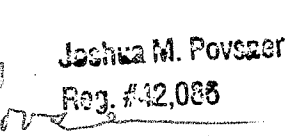
the above amendment is believed to be appropriate and is thus respectfully requested from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Should an extension of time be necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extensions of time required to place the application in condition for allowance by an Examiner's Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this Response or the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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